

NEWTON LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
BOE Meeting Room
5:15 P.M.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Adoption of Board Agenda Items
- E. Public Participation None
- F. Don Jenkins Presentation of Scholarship
- G. Principals' Reports
- H. Approval and Signing of Minutes
- I. Treasurer's Report

Consent Agenda:

- J. Action Items
 - 1. Approved Appropriations for FY 2024
 - 2. Approved LPDC Admin Position
Trina Short as the LPDC (Local Professional Development Committee) Administrator
 - 3. Approved Hires
 - Bonnie Gibson – cafeteria substitute
 - Dan Williams- custodial substitute
 - Holly Marchal- teacher aide (cafeteria)
 - Elizabeth Taylor- JH Cheerleading Advisor
 - Bowerman, Marci - Sub Bus Driver (Upon completion of obtaining her CDL)
 - Marchall, Holly - Sub Bus Driver (Upon completion of obtaining her CDL)
 - Stivers, Teresa - Sub Bus Driver (Upon completion of obtaining her CDL)
 - 4. Approved Resignation
Maureen Kadel
 - 5. Approved Overnight Field Trips
FFA to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN, from Nov. 1-3
HS Baseball to Orlando March 24-29
 - 6. Approved FLMA for individuals on medical leave
 - 7. Approved Early Graduation
 - Daphka Peters
 - Kate Stull

8. Approved Increase in Bus Driver Pay for Overnight Trips

9. Approval of Calendar for School Year 2024-2025 (will email to you separately once I get some formatting issues completed.)

10. Executive Session to consider the employment and or Compensation of public employees or officials.

K. Information Items

Superintendent's Report

- Safety was discussed as it relates to doors, windows, and panic buttons.
- Solar Eclipse plans for 4/8/24
 - My plan is to be virtual this day. Miami County is expecting over 100,000 visitors that day. I was told in a meeting this morning that all hotels in Shelby and Miami County, Country Concert, and the area state parks are sold out for this day according to Miami County EMA. Some districts are simply having an early dismissal, but I do not want to run the risk of having busses out if there's traffic issues. Here's a clip from the 2017 Solar Eclipse near Wyoming and you'll see my concern. 😊

path of totality showed red on Google Traffic maps. The screenshot from Google Traffic on page 9 was taken at approximately 3:30 p.m. EDT, about 45 minutes after the end of totality and well before the peak-period traffic congestion normally expected in the evening. Note that major urban areas outside the path of totality do not show traffic congestion.

◆ On some Interstate routes, traffic congestion, slow speeds, and long travel times lingered for up to 13 hours after totality. The headline at right, from the Lexington Herald-Leader in Kentucky, sums it up: “The rare eclipse was memorable. The ride home was something they want to forget.”

◆ Rural, nonfreeway routes also experienced significant traffic congestion, slow speeds, and long travel times. An analysis by INRIX showed that four of the top five post-eclipse bottleneck locations, measured by duration and length of queue, were on nonfreeway routes. These four locations had congestion durations lasting from 7 to 15.5 hours; the maximum queue lengths at three locations ranged from 45 to 70 miles.

◆ Evidence from three freeway locations, both urban and rural, showed that traffic flow on Monday afternoon degenerated to forced-flow, level-of-service-F conditions. These facilities were not operating at anywhere near their capacity, which under ideal conditions is approximately 2,400 passenger cars per hour per lane. Average travel speed was about 20–30 mph and throughput was 1,000–1,500 vehicles per hour per lane.

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Western Kentucky Parkway eclipse traffic near Elizabethtown at 7:45 p.m. Monday, long after the eclipse ended. Steven Townsend Facebook post.

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The rare eclipse was memorable. The ride home was something they want to forget.

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to minimize freeway lane closures for construction or maintenance. If lane closures had not been minimized, congestion would have been much more severe.

◆ Anecdotal and media accounts show that even some states not in the path of totality experienced increased freeway traffic congestion. According to accounts, some nearby states allowed lane closures on August 21, causing congestion problems. The moral of the story is to prepare for increased traffic, even in areas far from the path of totality.

L. Board Reports

M. Adjournment (6:04)